

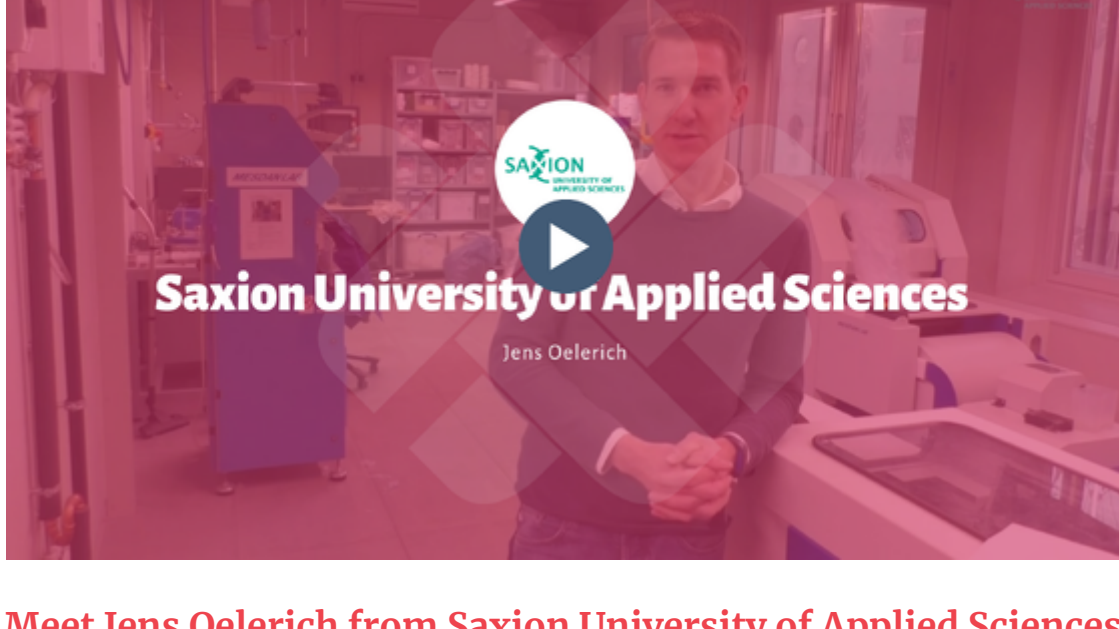
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Meet the Textile ETP Members



Meet Jens Oelerich from Saxion University of Applied Sciences

With a solid background in academic and applied research, Jens Oelerich likes to develop sustainable strategies, materials and processes for businesses in the textile, chemical and polymer industry. He is currently Associate Professor and Research Line Coordinator in the Sustainable & Functional Textiles Research Group at [Saxion University of Applied Sciences](#). Jens is particularly interested in material recycling with a focus on value retention – finding the best follow up application for used materials in combination with the lowest environmental impact. To make and defend choices, he regularly executes and analyses environmental as well as technical and chemical assessments.

Want to meet people like Jens? Join Textile ETP! With our strong community of professionals, you will have access to a vast network of textile experts, opportunities to participate in collaborative research projects, and stay updated on the latest textile trends and developments.

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Textile ETP News and Events

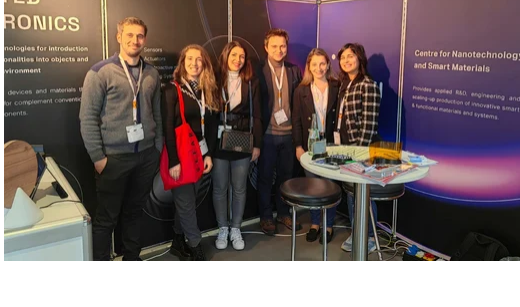


The Programme Outline for Textile ETP Annual Conference 2023 and iTechStyle Summit is out!

Green and digital transition, smart local production, high-performance materials... The Programme Outline for Textile ETP Annual Conference 2023 and CITEVE's iTechStyle Summit is now out!

You still have time to register! Prices for the general public go from €75.00 for one day to €150.00 for the three days. **Textile ETP Members and CITEVE's Associates and Clients benefit from a discount:** €50.00 for one day to €100.00 for the three days.

Don't miss the opportunity to discuss and learn about the latest trends, technologies, and innovations driving the textile sector forward. This two-day conference will also provide a unique platform to network, collaborate, and gain insights on the industry.

[More information and registrations](#)

Textile ETP's SmartX Community meets at LOPEC!

On 1-2 March, members of the SmartX Community had the chance to catch up and collaborate at LOPEC, the renowned international exhibition and conference dedicated to flexible, organic, and printed electronics. Our Project Manager and SmartX Community Manager Judith Bosch visited the fair, meeting CeNTI, Sefar, Elltac Wearables and InnovationLab. LOPEC was an exciting platform for exploring the potential of printed electronics in driving innovative smart textile solutions across diverse markets. From healthcare to sport, there's no limit to what we can achieve with e-textiles!

[More information](#)

Join the 3rd ECOSYSTEX Dissemination Webinar

Are you interested in learning more about the projects that make the ECOSYSTEX community? Do you want to accelerate collaboration in the textile sustainability and circularity field? **Join the 3rd ECOSYSTEX Dissemination Webinar on 31 March, and help us create a long-term community of practice.**

In this webinar, we will have the opportunity to discover two new ECOSYSTEX members:

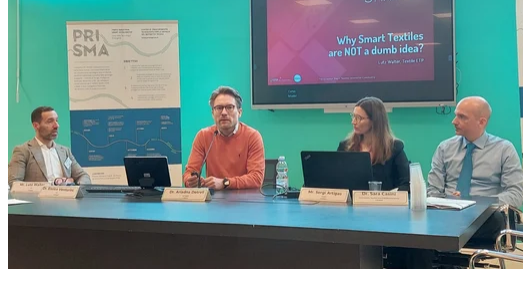
ALIGNED and **WhiteCycle** who will both present their aims and objectives, and report on their latest progress and developments. We will also learn more about **HereWear's** new initiative BioTEN.

[Register now](#)

Textile ETP is on YouTube!

We are thrilled to announce the launch of the Textile ETP YouTube channel!

Dedicated to presenting our members and their incredible work, as well as the exciting EU projects Textile ETP is involved in, the channel also showcases our dynamic communities: the SmartX Community that brings together leading smart textile industry innovators and tech developers from all over Europe, and all the dissemination webinars of ECOSYSTEX, our new community of EU funded projects with a mission to accelerate collaboration in the textile sustainability and circularity field.

[Subscribe to Textile ETP YouTube channel](#)

Textile ETP presents the SmartX Community at CONTEXT's final event

On 23 March, Lutz Walter and SmartX Community Technical Director Daniela Zavec spoke at CONTEXT's final event, in Prato, Italy. Lutz presented the SmartX Community, its activities and objectives, and discussed the future marketplace and forward-looking opportunities for smart textiles. Whether you're working on innovative research, developing new products, or simply interested in learning more about this exciting field, the SmartX Community is the place to be! Join now and become a part of shaping the future of textiles.

[More information](#)

Knowledge Centre



European Environment Agency report on the role of bio-based textile fibres in a circular and sustainable textiles system

While bio-based fibres offer great potential to steer away from synthetic textile fibres, the development of a fashion and textile industry relying more heavily on bio-based fibres does not automatically imply that it would necessarily be more sustainable. This report provides an overview of important aspects and environmental impacts that need to be considered within the context of bio-based textile fibres.

[Read the report](#)

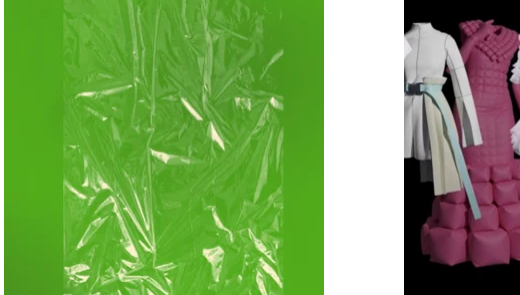
European Environment Agency briefing on EU exports of used textiles in Europe's circular economy

As reuse and recycling capacities in Europe are limited, a large share of used textiles collected in the EU is traded and exported to Africa and Asia, and their fate is highly uncertain. This briefing looks at the patterns and trends in EU used textile exports, touches on the challenges around what happens to used textiles in the importing countries, and shows how some of these challenges are being addressed in current and proposed EU policies.

[Read the full briefing](#)

Coming Up

The Calendar of Events



4th International Conference on Bio-based and Biodegradable Textiles and Plastics

20 April, Belgium
Organised by Citevebel, the Conference will identify the main changes and trends in the fields of bio-based and biodegradable textiles and plastics, and provide a comprehensive update of all aspects for commercial applications.

[More info](#)

International Textile Supply Chain Digitalization

6-8 September, Germany
The conference will discuss the academic, educational, and industrial challenges and needs focusing on the textile industry digitalization. A Smart Textiles Summer School is also organised for PhD and Master Students. **Submit abstract for oral presentations before 27 April.**

[More info](#)

Aachen-Dresden-Denkendorf International Textile Conference 2023

30 Nov-1 Dec, Germany
Co-organised by textil+mode, ADD International Textile Conference is one of the most important textile conferences in Europe with regularly more than 600 participants from industry and academic research. **Submit abstract for oral presentations before 30 April.**

[More info](#)

Exploring the World of Textiles

Lutz Walter's Monthly Blogpost



Can an EPR scheme be a silver bullet to tackle textile overproduction?

The fashion industry is one of the biggest contributors to textile waste, but can the future EU Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) scheme really be THE solution?

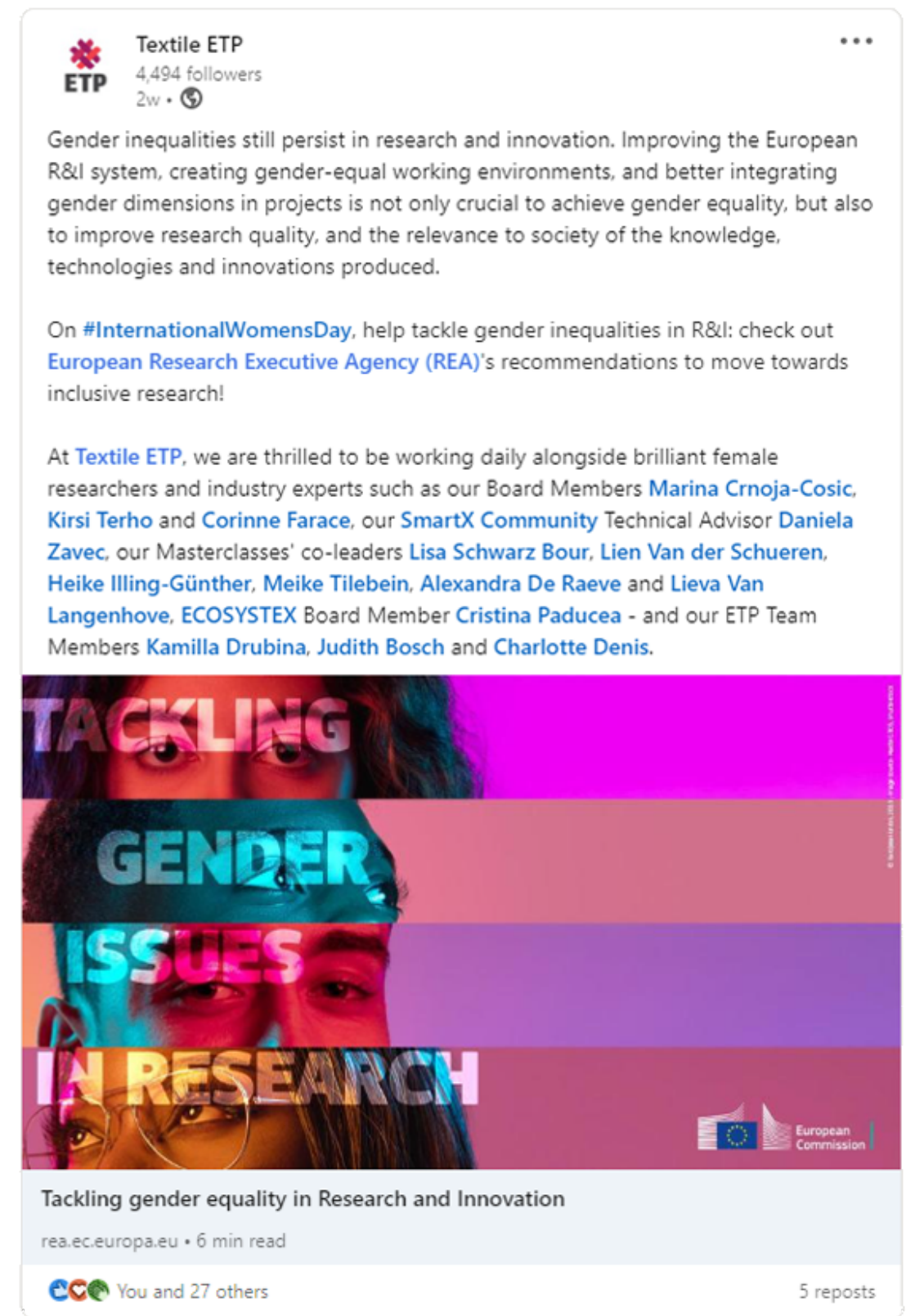
In his blog, our **Secretary General Lutz Walter takes a second look at the EPR and its effectiveness in tackling textile waste and creating a more sustainable future for the fashion industry.**

"The textile economy is too complex [...] for silver bullets to deliver magical quick solutions. EPR will be but one tool in a rich toolbox [...] that are needed to transform this industry (and its consumers) that mostly grew out of an era where the sustainability concerns of today were largely unknown."

Don't miss the opportunity to join the conversation on the EPR.

[Read "Can an EPR scheme be a silver bullet to tackle textile overproduction?"](#)

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